

Remarks

The Official Action objected to claim 14 and rejected claims 1-10, 13 and 15-28. Applicant has amended claims 1, 13-17, 22 and 26 and has canceled claims 3 and 10. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 13-28 remain pending in the present application. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has elected to rewrite claim 14 in independent form in order to expedite prosecution.

Specification Objections

The Official Action objected to embedded hyperlinks in the disclosure. Applicant has amended the specification by deleting such hyperlinks. Applicant requests that the present objection be withdrawn in light of the specification amendments.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103 (Hinckley/Devireddy)

The Official Action rejected claims 10, 13 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hinckley (U.S. Patent 5,828,882) in view of Devireddy et al. (U.S. Application 2002/0133669 A1). Applicant has canceled claim 10 and has amended claims 13, 15 and 16 to depend from allowable claim 14. Accordingly, claims 13, 15 and 16 are allowable for at least reasons similar to claim 14. Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103 (Hinckley/Devireddy/APA)

The Official Action rejected claims 1-7, 9, 17 and 19-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hinckley in view of Devireddy et al. further in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA). Applicant has canceled claim 3 and amended claims 1, 17, 22 and 26 based upon limitations of allowable claim 14. Accordingly, claims 1, 17, 22 and 26 are allowable for at least reasons similar to claim 14. Likewise, claims 2, 4-7, 9, 19-21, 23-25 and 27-28 which each include one of claims 1, 17, 22 and 26 as a base claim are allowable for at least reasons similar to claim 14. Applicant requests the present rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103 (Hinckley/Devireddy/APA/Skarbo)

The Official Action rejected claims 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hinckley in view of Devireddy et al., further and Admitted Prior Art (APA) further in view of Skarbo et al. (US 5,805,886). Each of claims 8 and 18 include one of claims 1 and 17 as a base claim and are allowable for at least the reasons similar to claims 1 and 17. Applicant respectfully requests the present rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

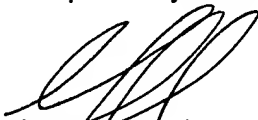
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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